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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

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the claims:

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the drawings:

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the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-30</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-30</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-30</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The present invention relates to a device for sampling of milk, comprising a collecting member arranged to receive milk samples from a milk line that transports milk from one animal at a time. It is also comprises a passage arranged to allow milk flow from the milk line to the collecting member. The invention is characterised in that the device comprises flow means arranged to provide a milk flow through at least a part of the passage at least a time period before a milk sample is taken in order to rinse at least part of the passage from milk residues from a previously milked animal.

The invention also includes a method to the same effect, a use of the device in an arrangement for milking of animals and a milking robot comprising such a device.

The problem solved by the device and method according to the invention is to at least partly rinse "a sample-collecting loop".

The cited WO 92/15196, included as prior art in the description, reveals a milking sampling which takes place only for a portion of an operating cycle, see claim 5. Activation of the testing device takes place in a subsequent portion of the cycle, see claim 6. Thus the cited document reveals a method and device that differs from the present invention in that it does not explicitly mention that the "sample-collecting loop" is rinsed from residues of a previously milked animal.

The invention is novel.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

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Although laboratory people might argue that the routine for taking samples would include rinsing the sampling equipment with the sampling medium, no document has been cited to verify this, and possibly none exists which shows this procedure for milk sampling.

The invention is thus considered not be obvious to a person skilled in the art.

The invention is industrially applicable.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: A01J 5/04 // G01N1/20

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC7: A01J, G01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

EPO-INTERNAL, WPI DATA, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

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